

The International Space Station at five

This month marks the fifth anniversary of the birth of the International Space Station. While crews have only been living and working aboard the Station since November 2000, it has been five years since the first ISS element – the Zarya Control Module – was launched from Baikonur Launch Complex in Kazakhstan in November 1998.

Zarya is a true symbol of United States/Russian cooperation. The module was U.S.-funded and built under a subcontract to The Boeing Company but was constructed in Moscow and has a Russian name. Zarya translates to “Sunrise,” which is appropriate since the module symbolized the dawning of an exciting new era of international cooperation in space – not just between the United States and Russia but among all 16 ISS partner countries.



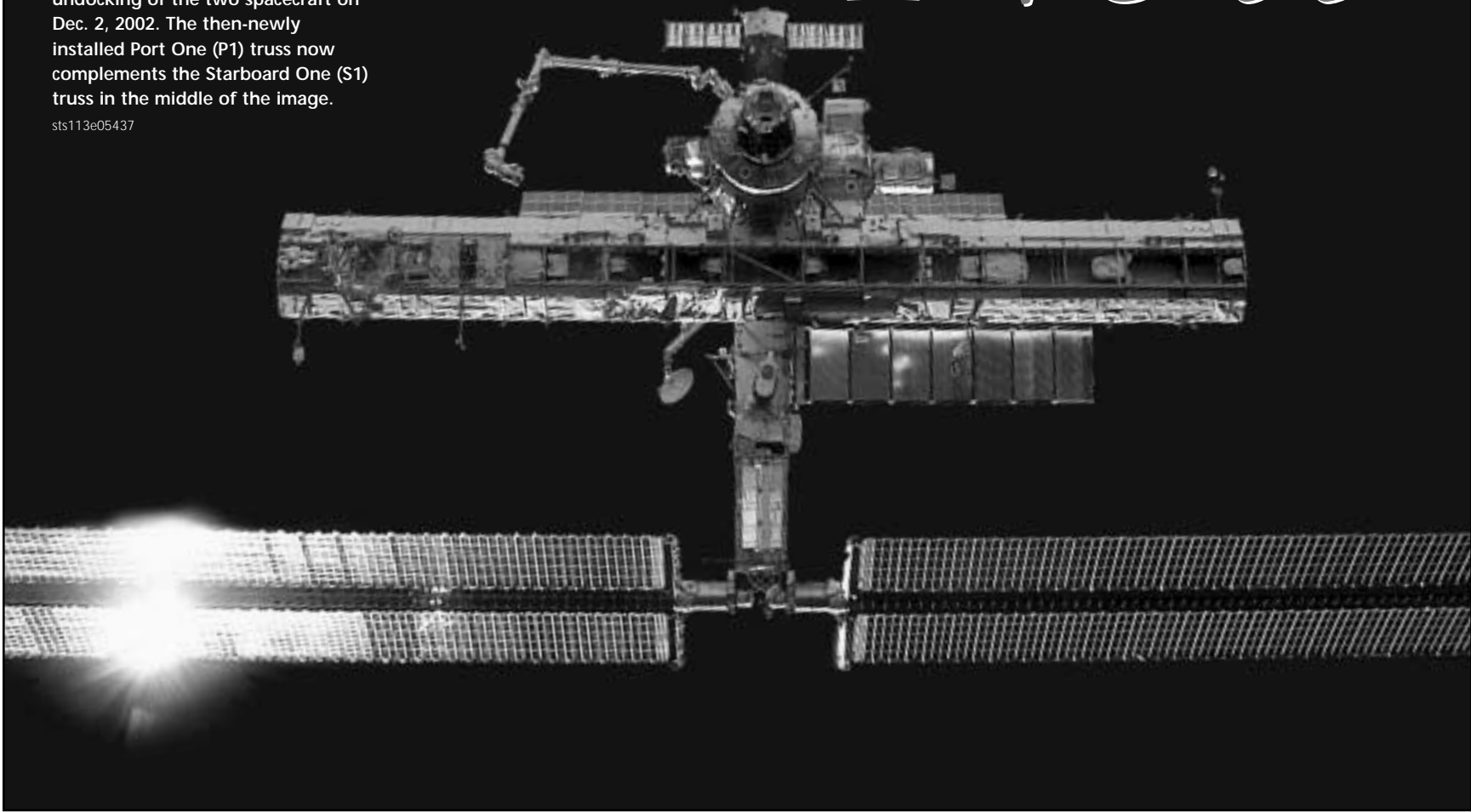
Zarya approaches the Space Shuttle *Endeavour* and the U.S.-built Node 1, also called Unity. Inside *Endeavour's* cabin, the STS-88 crew readied the remote manipulator system for Zarya capture as they awaited the rendezvous.

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Then & Now

This full view of the ISS was photographed by an STS-113 crewmember onboard the Space Shuttle *Endeavour* following the undocking of the two spacecraft on Dec. 2, 2002. The then-newly installed Port One (P1) truss now complements the Starboard One (S1) truss in the middle of the image.

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